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THE Archaeological Institute of America was founded in 1879, "for the purpose of promoting and directing archaeological investigation and research,—by the sending out of expeditions for special investigation, by aiding the efforts of independent explorers, by publication of archaeological papers and of reports of the results of the expeditions which the Institute may undertake or promote, and by any other means which may from time to time appear desirable." In fulfilment of its purpose it early sent out archaeological expeditions to Assos in the Troad and to Mexico and the southwestern part of the United States, and subsequently an expedition to Crete. The results of these, at least in part, have already been published by the Institute in separate volumes. Of late, however, the Institute has carried on its archaeological explorations and excavations chiefly through the Schools of Classical Studies which it has founded in Greece and Italy. The American School of Classical Studies at Athens was established by the Institute in 1881, and that at Rome in 1895. As institutions in whose work archaeological studies and research must be a very large element, the Institute has constantly maintained intimate relations with them, and has sought to promote their welfare in various ways,—especially by making regular appropriations for the explorations and excavations that have been carried on

by them for the Institute both in Greece and in Italy, for their publications, and for the maintenance of Fellowships.

In the publication of archaeological material, the Institute, until the present year, has had no well-defined policy. The Annual Reports of the Council and other Reports of the Institute and of the School at Athens have been issued in separate pamphlets, and the scientific Papers of the Institute and of the School at Athens have for a long time been issued in various forms by different publishers. The *American Journal of Archaeology*, First Series (1885-96), has published many papers of the School at Athens, and throughout the whole period of its existence has received an annual subvention from the Institute. It has, however, long seemed important that greater unity and uniformity should be given to the publications of the Institute. Accordingly, on May 8, 1897, upon the recommendation of the Managing Committees of the Schools at Athens and Rome, and after previous discussion at a meeting in January, the Council of the Institute adopted definite measures. The Council then determined that in future all the regular publications of the Institute and of the Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and Rome should be issued by the Institute, in periodical form, in a JOURNAL of its own; this JOURNAL should be conducted by an Editorial Board which in its membership should represent the several interests of the Institute, and should consist of an Editor-in-Chief, chosen by the Council, two editors, chosen respectively by the Managing Committees of the Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and Rome, and other editors, as the Council might determine, together with the President of the Institute and the Chairmen of the Managing Committees of the Schools at Athens and Rome as honorary members. This new periodical, by an arrangement made between the Council and the

*American Journal of Archaeology*—to which all students of archaeology owe a large debt—was to be styled the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY, SECOND SERIES: THE JOURNAL OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, and upon the close of the eleventh volume (1896) of the First Series was to replace and succeed the *Journal* and to receive its copyright, subscription list, and exchanges.

These plans were at once carried into effect; the Editorial Board was organized and a publisher selected. The present issue is thus the first number of the JOURNAL of the Institute.

The JOURNAL will be issued six times a year, ultimately—it is expected—at bimonthly intervals. The material to be published in it will comprise all the regular publications of the Institute and of the affiliated Schools and will be distributed, as convenience may determine, in the different numbers of the JOURNAL for the year. This will include:

I. Archaeological Papers of the Institute, in the fields of American, Christian, Classical, and Oriental Archaeology; Papers of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; Papers of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome.

II. Proceedings of the Institute; Summaries of Archaeological News and Discussions; Classified Bibliography of current Archaeological Literature; Correspondence; Notes and Notices.

III. Reports of the Institute, including those of the Council, of the Managing Committees of the Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and Rome, and of other Committees of the Institute.

IV. Bulletins (separately paged), containing miscellaneous matter in general supplementary to that of the Reports.

While they recognize the fact that archaeological research should set itself no bounds, the present editors of the JOURNAL are for obvious reasons desirous that American Archaeology in particular should once more become an important feature of the work of the Institute, and that it

should find more frequent representation in the pages of its JOURNAL.

The first number of the JOURNAL consists exclusively of the First Annual Report of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome (1895-96).

The second number will contain the Annual Reports for 1896-97, — the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Council, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the School at Athens, and the Second Annual Report of the School in Rome, together with the names of the officers and members of the Institute and of the Schools. In general the Reports will be issued as the closing number of the yearly volume of the JOURNAL, but in view of the delay in the publication of the volume for 1897, the editors have deemed it expedient to issue them earlier this year.

The third number and subsequent numbers will contain a series of Papers of the Institute relating to the Explorations in Crete conducted in 1893-94 by Professor Halbherr, under the auspices of the Institute and at its expense. These articles will form a continuation of the Cretan Papers which have been begun in the concluding number of the First Series of the *American Journal of Archaeology* (Vol. XI, 1896, No. 4), soon to be issued. Further articles on the Cretan Expedition will also appear in the second volume of the JOURNAL.

The fourth and following numbers of the first volume of the JOURNAL will contain, besides the Cretan Papers and various other articles on archaeological subjects, the miscellaneous Papers of the American Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and Rome, Summaries of Archaeological News and Discussions, a classified Bibliography of current Archaeological Literature, and other matter of interest to members of the Institute and to other readers of the JOURNAL.